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Attorney Docket No. 016778/0398

Applicant:

Ryuichi KATAYAMA

Title:

OPTICAL SYSTEM FOR DETECTING DATA SIGNAL AND

TRACKING ERROR SIGNAL

Application No.:

09/442,773

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Technology Center 2600

Art Unit:

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Allowed Date:

January 13, 2004

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

	a.	Previously submitted:							
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	[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.							
	[] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on								
	b.	Enclosed are:							
	[X]	Amendment Accompany RCE. Match and Retu	Match and Return						
	[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).							
	[]	Information Disclosure Statement.							
	[]	Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s).							
	[X]	Transmittal of Formal Drawings (with 12 sheets of formal drawings that include Figures 1-24)							

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Miscellaneous:

Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

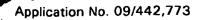
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] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):										\$0.00	
Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)										\$0.00	

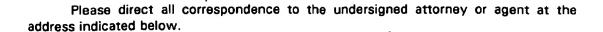
Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$770.00. A [] duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

TOTAL FEE:

- A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed. [X]
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, postdated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.







Respectfully submitted,

Date

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